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BOURNEMOUTH THRESHOLD DIALOGUE

Where everyone learns
but nobody teaches

PRISON DIALOGUE: HMP DORCHESTER

How do you think change happens?

Tuesdays 2 – 3:30pm Chapel

Resettlement Pathway: Attitudes, Thinking and Behaviour

15 Participants: 11 Offenders, 2 Prison Staff, 1 CRI, 1 Police Officer

LEARNINGS

"I want to access help and support to help with my using and offending but am told I am not entitled to anything as I have no local connection in Bournemouth."

Offender

"It does work but only when you are ready to stop."

Offender

"There is someone here who has been in rehab ten times? That just shows that rehab doesn't work!"

Offender

It is important to keep in contact with probation officers.

Change happens slowly but perseverance is essential.

"I can guarantee that I will be recalled back to prison because of breaking my license conditions. Last time I had a job to go to but was not allowed to by my probation officer who would not talk to my employer; I ended up losing the job."

Offender



Change happens when the individual is ready.

"You need to work with your probation officers and let them know what you feel is fair and achievable. Let them know who you are and keep in contact with them."

Prison Officer

"What we need is someone from probation to come to these groups to hear what we are talking about."

Offender

"Things do change and groups like this are important in giving a forum to talk about this, but change does not ever happen overnight."

Prison Officer

"The reports from these groups go to all the bodies involved and are seen by people in charge of decisions and policy."

Police

Bournemouth Threshold Dialogue brings Bournemouth offenders together in open conversation with the agencies responsible for their supervision and support. Dialogues are themed on the issues affecting re-offending. The process starts in custody and continues post-release in the community, emphasising support, challenge, responsibility and early intervention. Threshold Dialogue is supported by Bournemouth Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership.